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Egyptian Prime Minister Dr 'Atif Sidqi will visit Baghdad in March to attend the first meeting of the joint committee at prime ministerial level. He noted that prior to this meeting political, military, and economic delegations of the two countries will exchange visits in order to discuss the coordination and integration of projects established in both countries and to set up joint ventures. It was also agreed that each of the two countries should take account of the other country's needs before implementing any project, he concluded.

**Turkish Chief of Staff Ends Visit, Departs**  
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[Text] Cairo, 27 Feb (MENA)—Turkish Chief of Staff General Necip Torumtay left for home this afternoon aboard a private plane, concluding his 1-week visit to Cairo during which he was received by President Husni Mubarak.

The Turkish official held talks during the visit with Field Marshal 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah, deputy prime minister and minister of defense and war production, on strengthening bilateral cooperation.

### Libya

**Austrian Paper Interviews Al-Qadhdhafi**  
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in German 29 Feb pp 4-5

[Interview with Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi by Kurt Seintz in Tripoli; date not given]

[Text] NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG: Brother Mu'ammar, let us start with the topical events and Israel's course of action in the occupied territories. How do you evaluate the Palestinians' revolt and its effects on the development in the Middle East?

Al-Qadhdhafi: Undoubtedly, the whole world has now become aware of the danger that Zionism represents. Today all those who support Zionism, for example, most of all the United States, would have to be called to account, just like those who supported Hitler and fascism in the past. The Zionists constantly use the world's sensitivity toward the crimes of fascism against the Jews to justify their own criminal policy. They go so far as to want to interfere in other countries and to decide, for example, who shall be president in Austria, because Austria is a small country.

If Waldheim were really guilty, he and (French President) Mitterrand would have to be placed on trial. Mitterrand was minister in a government that committed terrible crimes in Algeria, even a genocide with more than 1 million people killed. Mitterrand was responsible for the murder of many patriots in the prisons. Do only crimes against Jews count, while crimes against Arabs do not? What kind of justice is this?

NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG: In the past you vehemently criticized PLO leader 'Arafat. How do you judge today his part in the topical events?

Al-Qadhdhafi: This is the revolution of a new generation.... I do not want to say any more.

Peace Movement in Israel Positive [subhead]

NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG: In Israel a new generation in the oppositional peace movement is making itself heard. Are these not forces of hope which should be promoted and encouraged?

Al-Qadhdhafi: It has always been my point of view that Israel has no right to exist, but that there is only one Palestinian people—Arab, Christian, and Jewish Palestinians. It is surely possible that these peace-loving groups you have mentioned will be part of such a Palestinian state. The others should return to where they have come from, that is to say, to the Arab states. It is not at all in the interest of the Jews that there is a Jewish state. It brings them into a position of hostility toward other peoples. The Jews who are killed by the Palestinians are not killed because they are Jews. They would not be harmed if they had remained in the Soviet Union or in France.

NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG: Libya's policy is sometimes hard for us to understand. In this context, terror is also mentioned and you are called the "most dangerous man in the world." Do you feel that you misunderstood?

Al-Qadhdhafi: People are not against me because there is terrorism. Libyans never hijacked a plane or took hostages; we reject terrorist crimes, because we are putting up a just struggle for the liberation of the peoples. Our opponents call this terrorism in order to make us suspect, and so they can terrorize us. Real terrorists do not meet with such hostility as shown toward us.

NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG: Reagan will not be President for much longer. Will you then be better disposed toward the United States?

Al-Qadhdhafi: I believe that relations between the United States and the Arabs will undoubtedly improve after Reagan leaves. We do not hate the Americans, but we are against their policy. I do not believe that the next President will commit the same follies and horrible crimes against us as Reagan has.

Arabs Have Right to Nuclear Bomb [subhead]

NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG: Nuclear fissionable material has disappeared from Germany. Are you building nuclear bombs?

Al-Qadhdhafi: It has already been sufficiently proven that the material was not shipped to Libya or Pakistan. But in principle: As the Israelis have nuclear bombs, the

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Arabs are also entitled to possess such weapons in order to reach the equilibrium that guarantees peace. Thus, if the Arabs take the path toward nuclear armament, the Israelis, and the West which has enabled them to equip themselves with nuclear arms and to take such arms to the Middle East, are to blame for this.

Not Staining Religion by Policy [subhead]

NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG: How can the war between Iraq and Iran be stopped?

Al-Qadhdhafi: This war is a tragedy. It is so radical that it is absolutely barbaric. Even densely populated residential areas, schools, and school children are the targets of brutal attacks.... How can it be stopped?... (Qadhdhafi shrugs his shoulders)

NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG: Regarding the interconnection of religion and politics, the West talks of "Islamic fundamentalism." What is your attitude toward it? Your country is also strictly Islamic. Al-Qadhdhafi: Religion is a spiritual business between man and God, between earth and heaven; and politics is a very wordy, material business between people. This is my point of view. Politics has many lies, and much foul play. Anyone who believes that religion and politics can be mixed is naive, even primitive. There are no Islamic or non-Islamic cars, no Islamic or non-Islamic or Jewish or Christian medicine. This would be ridiculous. It is true that such an attitude can be proclaimed, but the negative consequences will later become apparent.

Religion is something holy that should not be stained by politics. Such an attitude is harmful. There is one example: Palestine and what has been made of the Jewish religion—a state that is built on injustice and corpses. Thus people did not serve religion; they only harmed it. People should not become enemies on account of religion.

The NEUE KRONEN-ZEITUNG outlines in detail the Noricum weapons scandal for al-Qadhdhafi.

Al-Qadhdhafi: So far I have believed that this is only a rumor. I did not know that there will also be lawsuits.

Immediate Order To Investigate Scandal [subhead]

(Qadhdhafi makes a call and is connected with his staff: "Do you know anything about an arms scandal in Austria? No? We are said to have passed arms on to Iran.... End-user certificates.... An investigation, if we are involved in it, is to be immediately initiated!")

Al-Qadhdhafi: We will investigate this, because it is important that we have no problems with Austria. We do not need this sort of weapons. Just like the Austrians, we are surprised at this scandal....

## Newspaper Reports Efforts To Reunite PLO

JN291731 Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic  
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[Text] AL-ITTIHAD has learned that during the past few days Libya has resumed its contacts with the Palestinian revolution factions in Damascus and the Fatah Movement in Tunisia in order to convince them of the importance of holding an expanded meeting in Tripoli next month. Its task will be to discuss the means for expediting the reunification of the PLO in light of regional and international political developments, the escalation of the popular uprising in the occupied territories, and the need to support and develop it.

Palestinian sources in Damascus told AL-ITTIHAD that Brigadier General Abu Bakr Yunis, chief of staff of the Libyan Armed Forces, will arrive in Damascus in the next few weeks in order to convince Syria to support this meeting and to work to render it a success. He will also hold talks with Palestinian organizations and officials who have not responded to the Libyan invitation. Among those who have not responded are Al-Sa'iqah, Khalid al-Fahum, and 'Abd al-Muhsin Abu Mayzar. The sources said they expect the new Libyan endeavors to succeed after the PFLP-GC and the Palestine Popular Struggle Front, which had previously rejected such a meeting, changed their stand and agreed to the Libyan endeavors.

## Sudan's Taj al-Din Departs After Talks

LD011034 Tripoli JANA in English 0942 GMT 1 Mar 88

[Text] Tripoli, Al-Marikh 1, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY—Dr A.H. Taj al-Din, member of State Council of Sudan and his accompanying delegation, left Tripoli after concluding their visit to Great Jamahiriyah.

The delegation were seen off by Colonel Abu Bakr Yunis Jabir, commander-in-chief of the Libyan Arab Armed Forces. A number of officers of these forces have also participated in seeing off the delegation, apart from the ambassador and Sudan's embassy personnel accredited to Great Jamahiriyah.

## Al-Qadhdhafi Receives Senegalese Envoy

LD272217 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 1812 GMT 26 Feb 88

[Text] Tripoli, 26 Feb (JANA)—The brother leader of the revolution received Brother Mustapha Sissi, the private advisor of Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, who handed him a message from President Abdou Diouf.

## Envoy Departs

LD271630 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 1527 GMT 27 Feb 88

[Text] Brother Mustapha Sissi, private advisor of Senegalese president Abdou Diouf, left Tripoli today at the end of a visit to the Great Jamahiriyah.